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The Honorable William M. Nickerson
United States District Court
For the District of Maryland
3rd Floor, Room 330
101 W. Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: In the Matter of the Complaint
of OC Rockets LLC, etc.
Civil Action No. WMN 00 CV 2892

Dear Judge Nickerson:

This matter has been referred to Magistrate Judge Bredar for a settlement conference. Unfortunately the conference could not be scheduled until February 2002. Both parties believe that a satisfactory settlement would be promoted by a suspension of the discovery schedule pending the outcome of the settlement conference. It is the intention of the parties to continue to take selective discovery where necessary. Accordingly, we would appreciate your consideration of suspending the current schedule, which provides for disclosure of experts October 31, 2001, Petitioner's Experts November 28, 2001, and Dispositive Motions on December 15, 2001, to be rescheduled after the settlement conference, if necessary.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

David W. Skeen

cc: Stephen M. Calder, Esq.

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" APPROVED " THIS 31st DAY
OF October, 20 01

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